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# COLD STORAGE REPORT

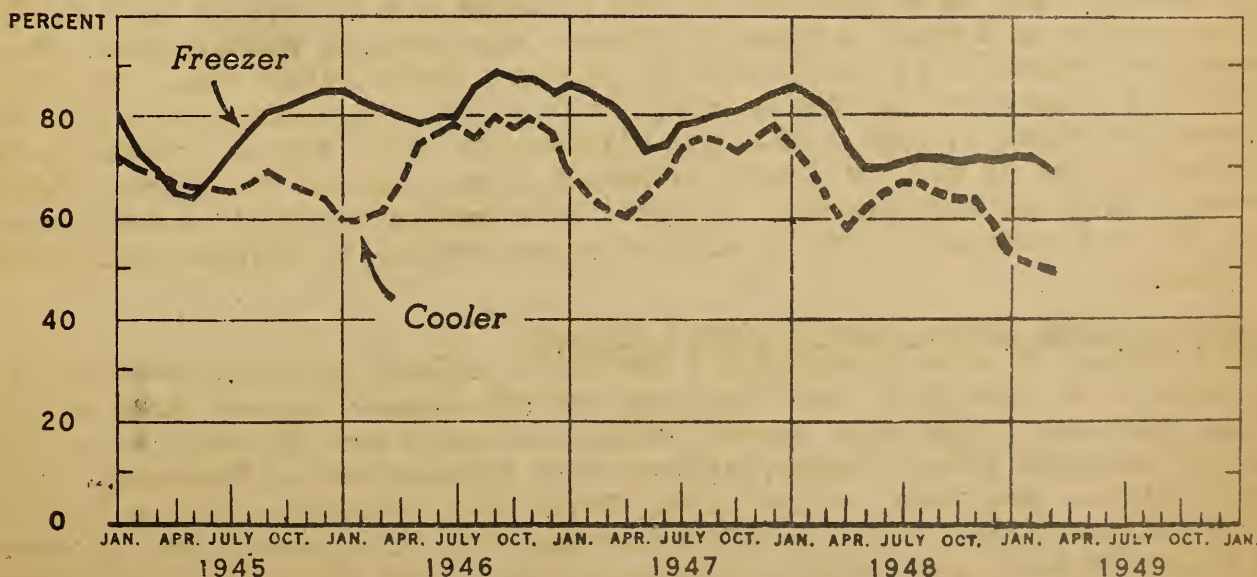
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## OCCUPANCY OF PUBLIC COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES, 1945-49





## Analysis of space and holdings March 1, 1949

Storage occupancy declines 3 points for both coolers and freezers during February

Public general cold storages reported 49 per cent occupancy for coolers and 68 per cent for freezers on March 1. Cooler occupancy, down 3 points from last month, was 17 points below the 5-year average. The decline in February, while greater than the average change for coolers, was less than the decline in cooler occupancy recorded last year. Use of freezer space was expected to decline in February. The 3 point decline during the month exceeded the average decrease by 1 point. With 68 per cent occupancy reported on March 1, freezers were 13 points below the average and the occupancy reported last year this date. Private and semiprivate warehouses reported 44 per cent occupancy for coolers and 61 per cent for freezers. Meat-packers indicated coolers were 90 per cent occupied and freezers 82 per cent occupied. Occupancy of 90 per cent or more was reported for coolers in such cities as Omaha and Memphis, while freezer space with a similar occupancy was reported in Cincinnati, Minneapolis, Omaha and Baltimore.

268 million pounds of food withdrawn from coolers: 77 million pounds from freezers

Stocks of foodstuffs held under refrigeration on March 1 totaled 3 billion pounds. Cooler and freezer held commodities each amounted to 1.5 billion pounds. Stocks in cooler were the lowest on hand since 1946, while freezer held stocks were the lowest since 1945. Withdrawals of 268 million pounds during February consisted primarily of fresh fruits. Sausage, lard, and nuts and nutmeats increased during the month. All freezer items, except meats and meat products, were withdrawn from storage. Seasonal withdrawals of frozen fruits, vegetables, poultry, and dairy products reduced stocks by 77 million pounds. Withdrawals of foodstuffs from both coolers and freezers fell far below the reduction in stocks reported last year when 435 million pounds of cooler held commodities, and 109 million pounds of freezer held commodities moved from storage.

Dairy and poultry stocks down from last month

Cream, fluid and plastic, which totaled 24 million pounds last month totaled 15 million pounds on March 1. The withdrawal of 9 million pounds was almost twice the average decrease, and was 50 per cent greater than last year. Creamery butter in storage March 1 was about half the stocks on hand last month. During February, 10 million pounds of butter were withdrawn leaving stocks at 9 million pounds. Cheddar cheese decreased by 6 million pounds while total cheese holdings of 127 million pounds were 8 million pounds less than on February 1. This reduction in cheese stocks compares with 14 million pounds last year and the average decrease of 10 million pounds. Shell eggs, down to 148 thousand cases, moved contra-seasonally when compared with the 5-year average. There was a net withdrawal of 4 thousand cases during February, whereas last year 100 thousand cases moved into storage. The average change for this time of year is an increase of 500 thousand cases. Frozen eggs totaled only 59 million pounds on March 1 because of greater than average withdrawals. The 13 million pound net reduction in stocks was the second highest since 1940. Poultry stocks of 131 million pounds are exactly half the average March 1 holdings and are the second lowest for March 1 since 1939. The withdrawals of 17 million pounds during February compares with 31 million pounds withdrawn last year and the average February to March change of 24 million pounds. Heaviest withdrawals occurred in fowls and turkeys, their total accounting for 10 million pounds of the 17 million pounds moved from storage.

Fruit and vegetable stocks show seasonal decline

Fresh apples in storage on March 1 totaled 9 million bushels, compared with 17 million bushels on hand last year this date and the 5-year average March holdings of 13 million bushels. Only 392 thousand bushels of pears were in storage on March 1 because 500 thousand bushels were withdrawn from storage during February. Stocks on hand are a little more than a third of the March 1948 holdings. Frozen fruits totaled 302 million pounds, down 16 million pounds from last month. Average decrease for this time of year is 26 million pounds, although last year this time 27 million pounds were withdrawn from storage. Frozen strawberries and cherries were the major items accounting for the net decrease in stocks. Only fruit juices and purees showed an increase. Frozen vegetables were withdrawn from storage in greater than average



amounts. The 32 million pound reduction during February brought stocks on hand March 1 to 230 million pounds. Such items as lima beans, snap beans, corn and green peas accounted for 80 per cent of the net reduction in frozen vegetable holdings.

#### Beef stocks decrease, pork holdings increase

Frozen beef in storage was 8 million pounds less than stocks on hand last month. The 127 million pounds of frozen beef in store was 47 million pounds below average and 25 million pounds less than stocks on hand last year. Total beef in store totaled 141 million pounds, down 10 million pounds from last month. Frozen pork at 363 million pounds on March 1 represents an increase of 24 million pounds over last month. Dry salt pork, up by 8 million pounds, and all other pork reduced by 5 million pounds, brought total pork stocks on March 1 to 612 million pounds. Lard and rendered porkfat totaled 182 million pounds. The net increase of 22 million pounds was more than five times the increase last year.

#### Fishery products

A net withdrawal of 24 million pounds of frozen fishery products reduced stocks on hand March 1 to 104 million pounds. Current holdings exceed stocks on hand last year by 14 million pounds and are 22 million pounds greater than average. The New England and Middle Atlantic regions held 24 and 22 million pounds, respectively, while in the Pacific area, there were 17 million pounds of frozen fishery products.

#### Storage outlook

The trend of below average occupancy in coolers evidenced since last April continues to this date. The level of occupancy reported since April 1948 appears to conform to the occupancy level reported in pre-war. Cooler space utilization reported on March 1 of 49 per cent in public general refrigerated warehouses, while above the March 1940 and 1941 level, approximates that of March 1942. From previous records cooler use should increase next month. The contra-seasonal movement of shell eggs during February explains in part the 3 point decline from February to March in cooler occupancy. This should be the seasonal low, but much will depend upon the movement of shell eggs during March if cooler occupancy is to rise above the March level.

Freezer held commodities should continue to decline for the next two months. The 68 per cent occupancy of March 1, is about equal to the March 1945 level but is well below the space utilization reported in any year since 1943. Historically, freezers show a decrease of 3 to 4 points between March and April. If the maximum decrease should obtain during March, the resulting occupancy on April 1 would approximate the utilization of freezer space reported in April 1945.

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Data for this report are collected from public, private and semi-private warehouses, apple houses, and meat-packing plants. Commodities in space owned or leased and operated by the armed services are not reported. All March 1 figures are preliminary.

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**PUBLIC COLD-STORAGE WAREHOUSES**  
**(APPLE HOUSES EXCLUDED)**  
**NET PILING SPACE AND PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED**  
**MARCH 1, 1949**

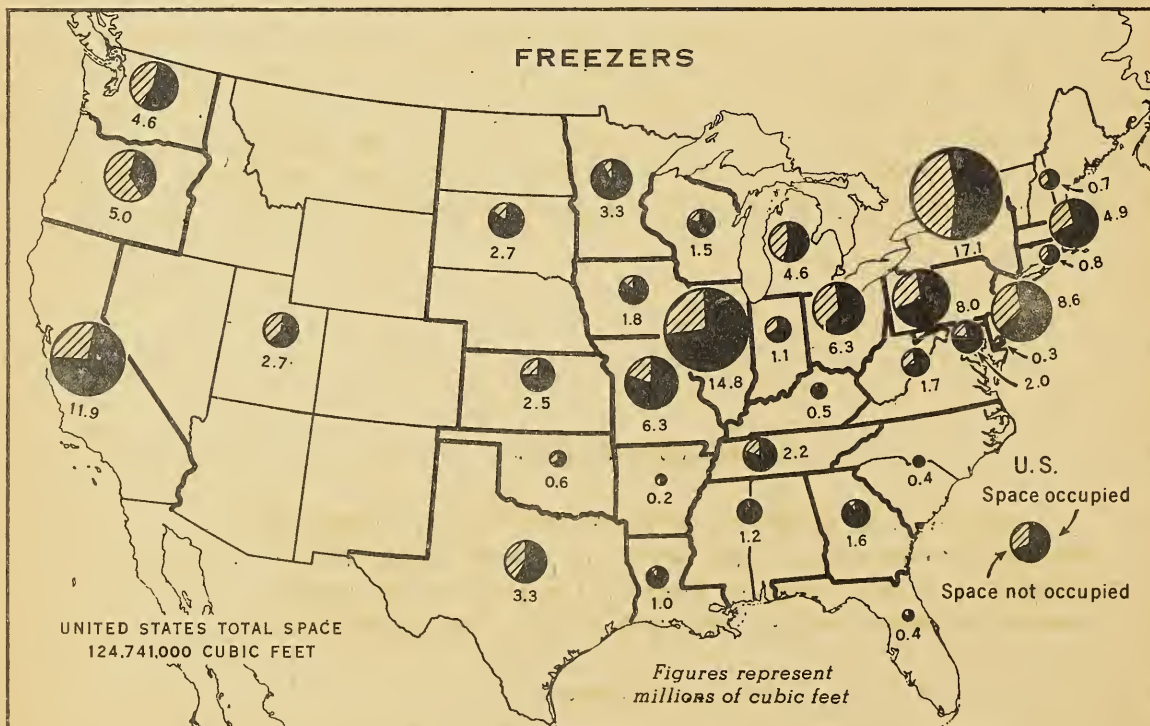
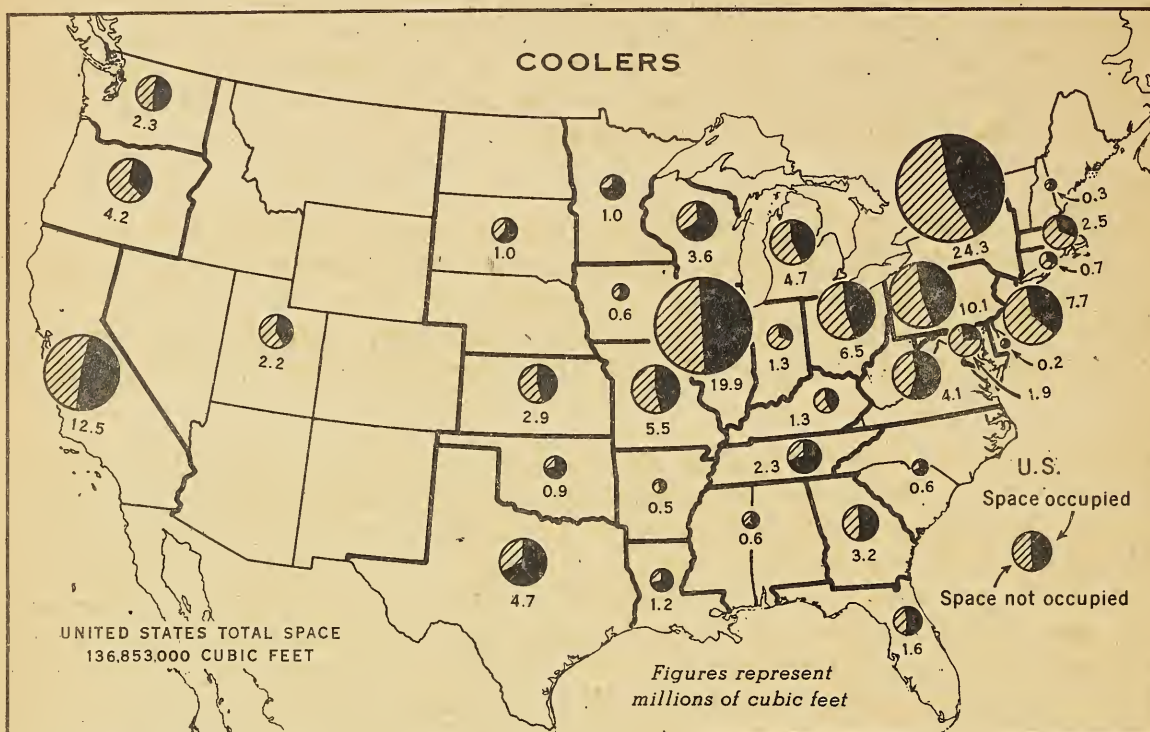




Table 1. — Public cold storage warehouses  
(Apple houses excluded)

State or Geographic Region	Net piling space 1/		Percentage of space occupied 2/							
	Cooler	Freezer	Mar. 1, 5-yr. av. 1944-48		Mar. 1, 1948		Feb. 1, 1949		Mar. 1, 1949 3/	
	("000" cu. ft.)		Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Maine, N. H. and Vt.....	300	658	70	71	63	73	61	70	62	63
Massachusetts.....	2,536	4,895	59	71	48	74	41	75	34	72
R. I. and Connecticut.....	725	774	62	79	87	77	37	76	33	64
NEW ENGLAND.....	3,561	6,327	60	71	53	74	41	75	35	70
New York.....	24,269	17,140	61	82	61	75	53	59	45	55
New Jersey.....	7,748	8,617	74	86	72	80	45	70	39	67
Pennsylvania.....	10,069	8,041	64	88	58	83	46	77	46	71
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	42,086	32,798	64	84	62	78	50	66	44	62
Ohio.....	6,503	6,311	71	77	54	90	48	73	46	65
Indiana.....	1,269	1,088	65	85	59	79	29	60	31	70
Illinois.....	19,929	14,761	60	79	68	82	51	76	50	73
Michigan.....	4,722	4,614	73	83	80	87	48	64	43	56
Wisconsin.....	3,617	1,530	68	81	69	87	71	90	69	81
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	36,040	28,304	65	82	66	85	52	73	50	69
Minnesota.....	969	3,321	59	73	62	89	73	95	75	91
Iowa.....	636	1,809	67	83	82	87	69	88	59	86
Missouri.....	5,503	6,334	70	77	70	88	51	83	46	81
Dakotas and Nebraska.....	1,048	2,745	74	85	54	92	65	82	60	85
Kansas.....	2,850	2,524	64	80	65	88	52	84	45	75
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	11,006	16,733	67	79	67	89	56	85	51	83
Delaware.....	233	281	60	70	69	70	65	82	65	79
Maryland and D. C.....	1,945	1,999	58	87	56	73	26	82	25	79
Virginia & West Va.....	4,103	1,732	69	87	67	94	61	77	58	72
No. & So. Carolina.....	607	360	64	80	47	58	74	83	72	84
Georgia.....	3,191	1,570	84	92	70	93	45	90	52	91
Florida.....	1,555	426	70	81	65	91	67	79	53	81
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	11,634	6,368	68	86	64	83	52	83	51	80
Kentucky.....	1,261	510	69	92	67	88	44	93	42	91
Tennessee.....	2,302	2,179	72	79	71	88	69	80	71	79
Alabama & Mississippi.....	636	1,158	78	74	85	77	60	97	64	96
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	4,199	3,847	72	80	72	85	61	87	62	86
Arkansas.....	451	244	71	83	50	82	31	42	41	54
Louisiana.....	1,163	1,047	83	87	72	85	76	97	72	90
Oklahoma.....	918	593	64	74	83	86	66	67	72	66
Texas.....	4,709	3,311	70	77	66	80	61	63	68	59
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	7,241	5,195	71	79	68	82	63	68	68	65
MOUNTAIN.....	2,150	2,707	73	91	70	84	47	65	40	59
Washington.....	2,251	4,619	61	73	58	66	51	60	48	56
Oregon.....	4,193	4,950	60	62	41	56	38	45	35	38
California.....	12,492	11,893	70	88	69	87	56	71	49	72
PACIFIC.....	18,936	21,462	67	77	64	73	53	61	47	59
UNITED STATES 4/.....	136,853	124,741	66	81	65	81	52	71	49	68

1/ A Survey of the Capacity of Cold Storage Warehouses in the United States, October 1947.

2/ Percentage for the periods covered are comparable.

3/ Preliminary.

4/ Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.





Table 2. — Private, semi-private warehouses and meat-packing plants  
(Apple houses excluded)

Net piling space and percentage of space occupied March 1, 1949

State or Geographic Region	Private and semi-private warehouses				Meat-packing establishments			
	Net piling space 1/		Space occupied		Net piling space 1/		Space occupied	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	("000" cu. ft.)	Pct.	Pct.		("000" cu. ft.)	Pct.	Pct.	
NEW ENGLAND.....	554	1,113	31	73	1,968	725	81	-
New York.....	2,563	2,481	35	54	4,539	500	77	63
New Jersey.....	222	1,401	-	81	454	91	-	-
Pennsylvania.....	508	548	24	78	1,738	149	97	81
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	3,293	4,430	38	55	6,731	740	85	69
Ohio.....	624	465	90	90	2,275	292	98	100
Indiana.....	398	349	97	95	2,379	899	100	97
Illinois.....	274	41	98	100	8,507	4,026	84	72
Michigan.....	1,590	1,237	40	50	1,234	395	81	98
Wisconsin.....	2,893	484	89	75	1,490	979	99	82
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	5,779	2,576	73	59	15,885	6,531	91	75
Minnesota.....	108	786	19	61	2,014	2,013	70	94
Iowa.....	670	948	95	97	7,725	3,343	74	76
Missouri.....	233	85	-	100	2,360	1,076	97	99
No. & So. Dak. & Nebr.....	531	1,567	90	93	6,718	2,250	100	99
Kansas.....	581	543	-	-	6,901	1,867	99	98
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	2,123	3,929	74	78	25,718	10,549	91	88
Del. Md. Va. & W. Va.....	394	531	18	92	1,238	131	93	98
NC., SC., Ga. & Fla.....	253	846	10	55	1,139	478	100	99
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	647	1,377	16	75	2,377	609	95	99
Kentucky & Tennessee.....	190	101	-	-	1,642	359	90	48
Alabama & Mississippi.....	-	-	-	-	372	44	-	70
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	190	101	-	-	2,014	403	48	88
Ark., La. & Oklahoma.....	124	641	94	-	1,073	407	100	100
Texas.....	576	123	22	8	2,497	1,045	100	100
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	700	764	24	8	3,570	1,452	100	100
Mont. Idaho, Wyo., Colo.....	164	314	88	69	1,473	482	97	99
Ariz., Utah & Nevada.....	18	340	-	45	555	184	96	98
MOUNTAIN.....	182	654	81	47	2,028	666	96	99
Washington & Oregon.....	1,013	5,352	14	49	1,283	547	94	97
California.....	4,370	1,202	12	79	2,773	605	97	86
PACIFIC.....	5,383	6,554	12	59	4,056	1,152	96	93
UNITED STATES 2/.....	18,851	21,498	44	61	64,347	22,887	90	82

1/ A Survey of the Capacity of Cold Storage Warehouses in the United States, October 1947.

2/ Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

Table 3. — Public general warehouses in key cities

Net piling space and percentage of space occupied

Cities 1/	Net piling		Space occupied							
	space 2/		Feb. 1, 1948		Mar. 1, 1948		Feb. 1, 1949		Mar. 1, 1949	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	("000" cu. ft.)		Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
NEW ENGLAND										
Boston.....	1,339	3,417	39	87	38	78	26	79	21	76
MID ATLANTIC										
New York.....	12,704	13,105	68	84	67	77	48	61	43	61
Buffalo.....	1,008	1,971	31	83	49	83	35	46	33	47
Rochester.....	6,553	1,696	51	89	46	84	63	58	51	53
Philadelphia.....	3,624	5,018	57	91	52	87	45	80	50	75
Pittsburgh.....	2,233	2,046	74	94	76	92	49	82	46	77
E. N. CENTRAL										
Cleveland.....	3,950	3,171	58	95	49	91	43	70	40	59
Cincinnati.....	1,075	1,241	64	94	62	93	67	88	67	91
Chicago.....	16,858	14,346	69	85	62	82	52	76	51	73
Detroit.....	3,562	3,581	83	90	83	87	53	67	47	59
Milwaukee.....	1,182	1,020	78	88	78	90	73	97	67	87
W. N. CENTRAL										
Minneapolis.....	589	2,411	82	92	71	94	79	97	82	94
St. Louis.....	4,457	3,202	87	95	83	91	67	91	63	88
Kansas City.....	2,675	2,781	75	93	60	90	37	86	35	85
Omaha.....	483	2,122	60	94	58	94	90	91	90	91
SOUTH ATLANTIC										
Baltimore.....	709	978	81	93	81	94	56	92	52	92
Richmond.....	1,521	464	63	64	62	88	55	81	53	65
Norfolk.....	934	936	94	95	88	97	79	76	72	77
E. S. CENTRAL										
Nashville.....	1,153	1,525	78	88	72	88	72	85	71	83
Memphis.....	747	540	72	87	69	90	73	71	92	74
W. S. CENTRAL										
New Orleans.....	1,009	936	72	89	71	88	73	96	69	89
Dallas-Ft. Worth..	1,949	2,080	74	79	73	82	50	57	63	56
San Antonio.....	903	507	74	72	72	62	84	77	82	70
Houston.....	708	300	55	99	51	90	73	91	73	72
PACIFIC										
Seattle.....	1,079	1,902	70	74	73	67	44	72	40	70
Portland.....	1,913	3,466	51	66	39	56	26	38	24	30
Los Angeles.....	1,899	4,190	69	91	75	86	74	88	72	85
San Francisco.....	4,222	2,363	90	96	92	95	70	63	63	74
Total.....	81,038	81,315	69	87	65	83	53	73	51	70

1/ Space shown includes public warehouses within a 25 mile radius of city named.

2/ A Survey of the Capacity of Cold Storage Warehouse in the United States, October 1947.



Table 4. — Apple houses

Regions	Net piling		Space occupied					
	space <u>1/</u>		Mar. 1, 1947		Mar. 1, 1948		Mar. 1, 1949	
	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	("000" cu. ft.)		Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
New England.....	5,161	79	26	-	18	-	11	-
Middle Atlantic.....	18,046	691	47	84	50	61	22	56
East North Central..	6,422	252	49	100	61	30	42	71
West North Central..	915	44	50	33	66	100	22	18
South Atlantic.....	17,938	691	38	88	43	60	16	85
East South Central..)								
	349	3	50	-	-	-	-	-
West South Central..)								
Mountain.....	7	362	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pacific.....	54,197	2,701	40	70	47	64	33	30
U. S. Total <u>2/</u> .....	103,035	4,823	41	76	45	61	27	41

1/ A Survey of the Capacity of Cold Storage Warehouses in the United States, October 1947.

2/ Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic regions based on the corresponding net piling space.

Table 5. — Apple and pear holdings by states

State	Apple holdings		Pear holdings	
	Mar. 1, 1948	Mar. 1, 1949	Mar. 1, 1948	Mar. 1, 1949
	- Thousands of bushels -			
Vt., Mass., & Conn.....	854	227	4	1
New York.....	2,498	876	25	8
New Jersey.....	358	177	11	3
Pennsylvania.....	560	228	6	1
Ohio.....	308	145	10	5
Illinois.....	839	268	1	3
Michigan.....	579	198	1	-
Virginia.....	1,090	603	2	-
West Virginia.....	168	60	-	-
Missouri.....	395	90	1	-
Kansas.....	56	9	-	-
Washington.....	6,884	4,822	178	41
Oregon.....	447	315	665	266
California.....	862	702	110	62
Other States <u>1/</u> .....	669	311	12	2
U. S. Total.....	16,567	9,031	1,026	392

1/ Holdings for states having significant quantities of apples or pears are given above. Other holdings shown under, "Other States".

Table 6. — March holdings and changes during February 1949 1/

Cooler	Holdings	Net Change		Freezer	Holdings	Net Change	
Commodities	Mar. 1	during Feb.		Commodities	Mar. 1	during Feb.	
	"000" lbs.	"000" lbs.	%		"000" lbs.	"000" lbs.	%
Apples.....	433,488	-189,120	-30	Fruits.....	301,861	-15,834	-5
Pears.....	19,600	-24,650	-56	Vegetables.....	229,553	-32,494	-12
Dried & ev. Fts..	34,051	-2,515	-7	Cream.....	15,126	-8,542	-36
Can'd. ft. & Veg.	2,469	188	8	Cream'y butter..	9,162	-9,575	-51
Nuts & Nutmeats..	74,897	3,279	5	Eggs.....	58,781	-12,751	-18
Fish*.....	19,840	-582	-3	Poultry.....	131,414	-17,004	-11
Cheese.....	126,884	-8,226	-6	Beef.....	128,807	-7,659	-6
Shell eggs.....	6,660	-180	-3	Pork.....	409,104	30,798	8
Dried eggs.....	26,305	1,188	5	Sausage.....	4,112	651	19
Beef.....	12,146	-2,246	-16	Lamb & Mutton...	19,777	-2,689	-12
Pork.....	202,969	-3,940	-2	Veal.....	17,920	-2,006	-10
Sausage.....	8,310	274	3	Edible Offal....	64,027	6	-
Canned meats.....	39,375	4,807	14	Lard & pork fat.	7,292	868	14
Lard & pork fat..	174,999	20,813	13	Fish*.....	104,160	-3,053	-3
Other.....	367,124	-67,316	-15	Other.....	36,900	2,530	7
Total.....	1,549,117	-268,226	-15	Total.....	1,537,996	-76,754	-5

1/ For a detailed breakdown see the following tables.

\* Estimated.

## TOTAL WEIGHT OF COOLER AND FREEZER COMMODITIES, 1947-49

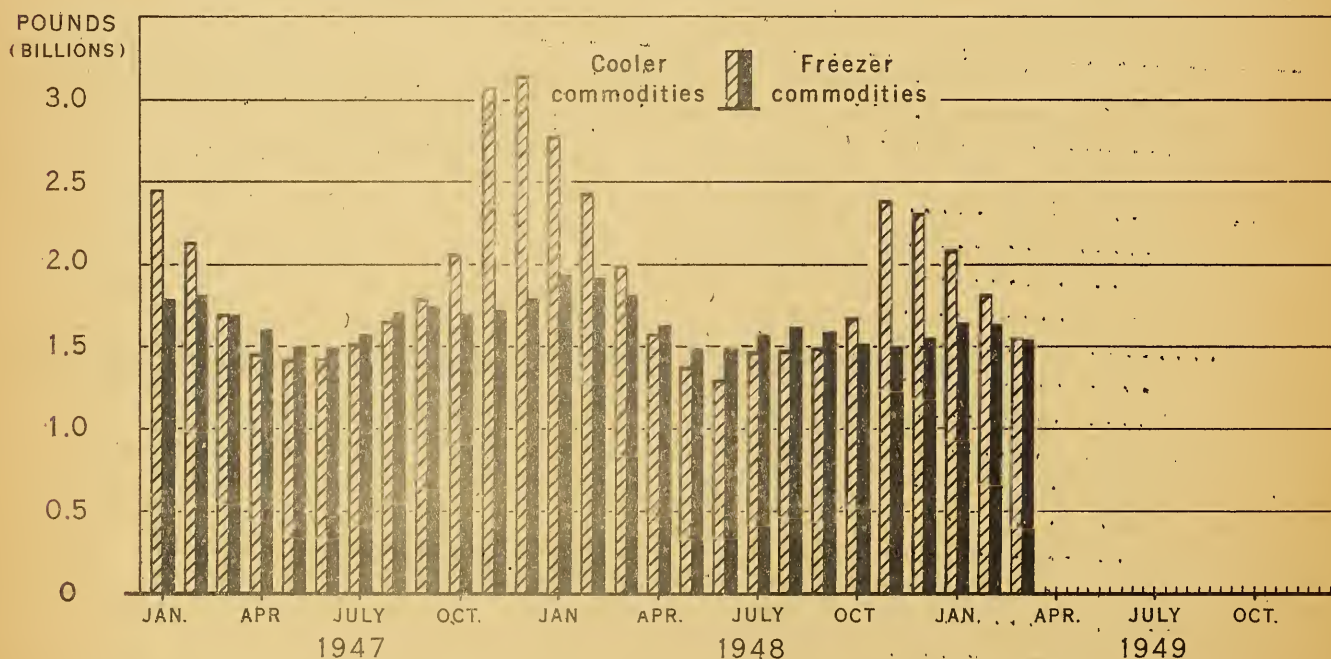




Table 7. — Fresh fruits and vegetables

Net changes in stocks during February and comparisons

Fresh apples: Decreased by 4 million bushels; February 1948 decrease was 7 million bushels; average February decrease was 6 million bushels.

Fresh pears: Decreased by .5 million bushels; February 1948 decrease was .6 million bushels; average February decrease was .4 million bushels.

Stocks of fruits and vegetables	'Mar. 1, 5-yr. 'av. 1944-48	Mar. 1 1948	Feb. 1 1949	Mar. 1 1949
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- Thousands -

## FRESH APPLES

Apples.....Western, standard boxes <u>1/</u>	8,470	8,243	6,184
Apples.....Western, other containers <u>2/</u>	545	129	76
Apples.....Eastern, bushel baskets	3,912	1,792	1,118
Apples.....Eastern, other containers <u>2/</u>	3,640	2,807	1,653
Total apples.....bushels	12,998	16,567	9,031

## FRESH PEARS

Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes	8	4	12	5
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes	5	-	1	-
Pears, all other varieties..boxes	527	1,003	867	379
Pears.....bushel baskets	15	19	5	8
Total pears.....bushels	555	1,026	885	392

## OTHER FRUITS &amp; VEGETABLES

Other fresh fruits.....Pounds	11,812	20,519	8,682
Dried & evaporated fruits... "	76,847	66,956	34,051
Canned fruits & vegetables.. "	2,477	2,281	2,469
Potatoes.....Pounds	142,182	89,019	76,681
Onions..... "	34,429	89,441	76,180
Celery..... "	927	521	505
Other fresh vegetables..... "	20,793	57,983	46,598
Nutmeats, peanuts.....Pounds	28,592	8,707	9,589
Nutmeats, other nuts..... "	19,845	18,644	18,453
Peanuts, in shell..... "	2,956	1,282	967
Other nuts in shell..... "	30,685	42,985	45,888

1/ Western apples are those grown in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

2/ Other containers reported in terms of bushels.

Table 8. — Frozen fruits and vegetables 1/

## Net changes in stocks during February and comparisons

Frozen fruits: Decreased by 16 million pounds; February 1948 decrease was 27 million pounds; average February decrease was 26 million pounds.

Frozen vegetables: Decreased by 32 million pounds; February 1948 decrease was 28 million pounds; average February decrease was 21 million pounds.

Stocks of frozen fruits and vegetables	Mar. 1, 5-yr. av. 1944-48	Mar. 1 1948	Feb. 1 1949	Mar. 1 1949
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- Thousands of pounds -

## FROZEN FRUITS

Apples.....		34,198	19,730	19,231
Apricots.....		16,362	8,346	7,321
Blackberries.....	11,714	15,500	8,667	6,961
Blueberries.....		10,183	7,701	7,248
Cherries.....	29,293	39,392	46,252	40,083
Grapes.....		17,688	11,325	9,793
Peaches.....		37,605	19,606	17,726
Plums and prunes.....		8,763	4,749	4,054
Raspberries.....	14,389	20,224	22,556	20,407
Strawberries.....	22,039	31,626	76,495	67,770
Young, Logan, Boysen etc.....	8,331	12,274	11,317	10,275
Fruit juices and purees.....		27,470	34,872	42,415
All other fruits.....	207,760	45,534	46,079	48,577
Total.....	293,526	316,819	317,695	301,861

## FROZEN VEGETABLES

Asparagus.....	7,237	7,930	6,949	5,946
Beans, lima.....	14,569	27,413	48,227	42,886
Beans, snap.....	13,892	13,029	20,179	16,924
Broccoli.....	8,836	7,213	9,339	8,161
Brussels sprouts.....		6,033	4,981	4,774
Cauliflower.....		5,474	7,867	6,860
Corn, sweet.....	20,118	25,600	21,542	18,387
Peas, green.....	53,846	84,474	84,994	72,909
Pumpkin and squash.....		6,547	5,361	4,692
Spinach.....	14,238	11,603	9,418	7,499
All other vegetables.....	58,724	31,303	43,190	40,515
Total.....	191,460	226,619	262,047	229,553

1/ A report on package sizes for certain frozen fruits and vegetables will be issued March 22, 1949.



Table 9. — Dairy and poultry products

Net changes in stocks during February and comparisons.					
Cream: Decreased by 9 million pounds; February 1948 decrease was 6 million pounds; average February decrease was 5 million pounds.					
Butter: Decreased by 10 million pounds; February 1948 decrease was 6 million pounds; average February decrease was 12 million pounds.					
Cheese: Decreased by 8 million pounds; February 1948 decrease was 14 million pounds; average February decrease was 10 million pounds.					
Shell eggs: Decreased by 4 thousand cases; February 1948 change was an increase of 100 thousand cases; average February change was an increase of 500 thousand cases.					
Frozen eggs: Decreased by 13 million pounds; February 1948 decrease was 2 million pounds; average February change was an increase of .1 million pounds.					
Frozen poultry: Decreased by 17 million pounds; February 1948 decrease was 31 million pounds; average February decrease was 24 million pounds.					
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Stocks of dairy and poultry products	Unit	Mar. 1, 5-yr. av. 1944-48	Mar. 1 1948	Feb. 1 1949	Mar. 1 1949
			- Thousands -		
CREAM & MILK					
Fluid cream.....	lb.)	13,390	6,046	20,853	13,419
Plastic cream (75-85% butterfat)....	lb.)		1,780	2,815	1,707
Condensed milk (bulk).....	lb.)		25,282	16,849	11,571
Evap. & Cond. milk (case goods)....	lb.)			15,213	4,555
BUTTER					
Creamery.....	lb.	35,079	7,323	18,737	9,162
CHEESE					
American.....	lb.	102,635	93,570	116,779	111,431
Swiss including block.....	lb.	1,100	2,251	2,624	2,227
All other varieties <u>1</u> /.....	lb.	15,976	14,304	15,707	13,226
Total cheese.....	lb.	119,711	110,125	135,110	126,884
EGGS					
Shell.....	case	940	374	152	148
Frozen eggs, total <u>2</u> /.....	lb.	99,245	120,665	71,532	58,781
Whites.....	lb.	15,255	13,259	15,947	12,487
Yolks.....	lb.	12,797	16,641	15,315	12,116
Mixed.....	lb.	56,354	85,359	35,420	30,151
Unclassified.....	lb.	14,839	5,406	4,850	4,027
Dried eggs, total.....	lb.	44,171	27,610	25,117	26,305
Total eggs <u>2</u> /.....	case	8,004	6,353	4,572	4,346
FROZEN POULTRY					
Broilers.....	lb.	8,527	6,520	6,330	5,686
Fryers.....	lb.	17,289	17,272	10,479	9,684
Roasters.....	lb.	32,524	24,100	9,916	8,615
Fowls.....	lb.	64,144	88,306	39,425	32,571
Turkeys.....	lb.	88,100	69,969	54,763	50,550
Ducks.....	lb.	2,524	5,164	1,957	1,291
Miscellaneous.....	lb.	18,630	17,150	5,292	4,291
Unclassified poultry.....	lb.	29,798	33,893	20,256	18,726
Total poultry.....	lb.	261,536	262,374	148,418	131,414

1/ Includes Brick and Munster Cheese.

2/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 37.5 pounds to the case and dried eggs on the basis of 10 pounds to the case.

Table 10. — Dairy and poultry holdings by states March 1, 1949

States	Cream		Creamery	American	Shell	Frozen	Total
	Fluid	Plastic	butter	cheese	eggs	eggs	Poultry
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	case	lb.	lb.
- Thousands -							
Massachusetts.....	919	37	165	1,449	1	931	4,294
Other States.....			96	269	1	660	643
NEW ENGLAND.....			261	1,718	2	1,591	4,937
New York.....	4,839	125	1,354	9,964	19	8,929	18,342
New Jersey.....	510	-	326	2,429	22	2,510	3,500
Pennsylvania.....	524	26	345	1,658	8	2,457	3,976
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....			2,025	14,051	49	13,896	25,818
Ohio.....	1,010	-	1,182	981	6	2,221	4,403
Indiana.....	57	20	95	45	3	1,233	280
Illinois.....	240	-	853	3,424	30	14,316	27,637
Michigan.....	456	-	136	1,894	2	651	3,285
Wisconsin.....	682	21	113	67,752	1	623	924
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....			2,379	74,096	42	19,044	36,529
Minnesota.....	1,824	108	309	2,308	1	1,357	4,687
Iowa.....	90	-	181	6	1	1,337	3,524
Missouri.....	145	282	853	6,244	5	5,100	5,181
Dakotas.....			51	62	-	42	35
Nebraska.....			221	57	1	1,880	10,949
Kansas.....			73	217	1	2,897	2,452
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....			1,688	8,894	9	12,613	26,828
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....			762	2,336	15	3,482	4,332
Kentucky.....			377	78	1	747	283
Tennessee.....			161	4,739	2	538	552
Ala. and Mississippi.....			28	15	-	174	333
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....			566	4,832	3	1,459	1,168
Arkansas & Louisiana.....			102	156	5	1,053	449
Oklahoma.....			89	334	-	567	728
Texas.....	283	219	425	1,633	2	1,533	1,925
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....			616	2,123	7	3,153	3,102
Colorado.....			71	65	2	340	1,068
Other States.....			30	1,376	1	251	3,710
MOUNTAIN.....			101	1,441	3	591	4,778
Washington.....			85	260	5	751	4,114
Oregon.....			20	953	1	342	5,736
California.....	623	118	659	727	12	1,859	14,072
PACIFIC.....			764	1,940	18	2,952	23,922
Other States, cream only.....	1,217	701					
UNITED STATES.....	13,419	1,707	9,162	111,431	148	58,781	131,414



Table 11. — Commodities held in public general cold storage warehouses, January 1949

Cooler Commodities	Holdings January 1 "000" lbs.	Freezer Commodities	Holdings January 1 "000" lbs.
Apples.....	163,872	Fruits.....	284,930
Pears.....	28,850	Vegetables.....	239,294
Dried & ev. Fts....	34,323	Cream.....	31,745
Can'd. ft. & Veg...	2,402	Cream'y butter....	29,762
Nuts & Nutmeats....	55,894	Eggs.....	83,905
Fish*.....	—	Poultry.....	136,993
Cheese.....	111,146	Beef.....	95,681
Shell eggs.....	6,435	Pork.....	16,382
Dried eggs.....	23,981	Sausage.....	2,066
Beef.....	1,549	Lamb & Mutton.....	17,250
Pork.....	4,090	Veal.....	12,528
Sausage.....	326	Edible Offal.....	17,733
Canned meats.....	7,831	Lard & pork fat....	1,451
Lard & pork fat....	34,820	Fish*.....	—
Other.....	377,470	Other.....	31,725
Total.....	852,839	Total.....	1,001,445

\* Fish holdings not included in these figures.

Table 12. — Certain commodities held by the Government 1/

Commodity	Unit	Mar. 1, 5-yr. av. 1944-48	Mar. 1 1948	Feb. 1 1949	Mar. 1 1949 2
— Thousands —					
Butter, creamery.....	lb.	20,472	252	1,109	425
American cheese.....	lb.	30,663	253	327	167
Shell eggs.....	case	122	10	3	4
Frozen eggs.....	lb.	28,705	57,539	15,104	12,497
Dried eggs.....	lb.	—	26,443	21,579	23,526
Poultry.....	lb.	—	7,497	1,461	1,840
Lard & rendered pork fat.....	lb.	51,881	3,556	206	322
Dried fruits.....	lb.	—	904	136	29
Total.....	lb.	137,211	96,894	40,057	38,986

1/ Government holdings are included in the tables of total holdings elsewhere in the report and consist of reported stocks held by USDA, the Armed services and other Government agencies. In addition to stocks reported above, the Armed services hold some stocks in space owned and operated by them on which figures are not available. Current figures not entirely comparable with 5 year average.

2/ Based on actual reports. Estimates on late reports are not included. Current figures will be revised next month.

Table 13. — Meats and meat products

Net changes in stocks during February and comparisons				
Beef: Decreased by 10 million pounds; February 1948 decrease was 11 million pounds; average February change was an increase of 6 million pounds.				
Pork: Increased by 27 million pounds; February 1948 increase was 41 million pounds; average February increase was 35 million pounds.				
Other meats: Increased by 1 million pounds; February 1948 increase was 5 million pounds; average February change was a decrease of 1 million pounds.				
Lard: Increased by 22 million pounds; February 1948 increase was 4 million pounds; average February increase was 20 million pounds.				
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Stocks of meats and meat products	'Mar. 1, 5-yr. 'av. 1944-48	Mar. 1 1948	Feb. 1 1949	Mar. 1 1949
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- Thousands of pounds -				
BEEF				
Frozen.....	173,959	152,207	135,186	127,455
In cure, cured and smoked.....	10,413	12,962	15,672	13,498
Total beef.....	184,372	165,169	150,858	140,953
PORK				
Frozen.....	272,875	434,019	339,048	362,646
Dry salt in cure and cured.....	85,223	62,689	49,178	57,028
Other in cure, cured & smoked.....	178,757	203,406	196,989	192,399
Total pork.....	536,855	700,114	585,215	612,073
OTHER MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS				
Sausage and sausage room products.....		16,377	11,497	12,422
Frozen lamb and mutton.....	19,901	16,971	22,466	19,777
Frozen veal.....		13,372	19,926	17,920
Canned meats & meat products.....		48,245	34,568	39,375
All edible offal 1/.....	73,679	70,766	64,021	64,027
Total other meats & meat products.....	93,580	165,731	152,478	153,521
Total all meats 1/.....	814,807	1,031,014	888,551	906,547
LARD AND RENDERED PORK FAT				
Lard.....	154,287	134,094	157,207	179,087
Rendered pork fat.....		3,322	3,403	3,204
Total.....	154,287	137,416	160,610	182,291
HIDES & PELTS.....		62,882	59,864	57,176

1/ Current figures not entirely comparable with 5-yr. average.



Table 14. — Fishery products 1/

Species	'Mar. 1, 5-yr. 'av. 1944-48	Mar. 1 1948	Feb. 1 1949	Mar. 1 1949
- Thousands of pounds -				
<u>Salt-water fish: frozen</u>				
Bait and animal food.....	2,112	3,161	2,085	2,123
Bluefish.....	104	138	334	188
Butterfish.....	359	192	288	254
Cod, had'k, hake, pollock, whole.....	1,458	1,078	1,529	1,428
Croakers.....	369	98	174	94
Eels.....	253	386	238	181
Filletts (miscellaneous).....	12,213	14,674	28,613	23,082
Flounders (inc. filletts).....	1,216	710	5,097	4,048
Halibut.....	5,012	8,374	8,766	6,352
Herring, sea.....	1,220	1,041	1,121	826
Mackerel (Boston) (inc. filletts).....	3,399	5,118	3,784	2,896
Mullet.....	1,348	239	745	685
Sablefish (black cod).....	2,576	1,868	5,540	3,731
Salmon (all species).....	8,211	9,332	9,048	7,351
Scup (porgies).....	632	117	698	687
Sea trout (weakfish, gray & spotted).....	469	236	454	378
Shad and shad roe.....	441	427	244	200
Smelts (sea).....	1,433	1,493	1,353	1,964
Swordfish.....	618	803	1,897	1,808
Whiting (inc. filletts).....	5,764	7,108	13,068	9,180
Miscellaneous salt-water fish.....	10,877	7,342	11,076	10,710
<u>Fresh-water fish: frozen</u>				
Bait and animal food.....	1,166	1,447	2,433	2,076
Blue pike and sauger (inc. filletts).....	818	550	933	897
Catfish and bullheads.....	175	127	335	348
Chubs.....	351	138	798	633
Lake herring & cisco (inc. filletts).....	2,200	1,141	1,177	1,135
Lake trout.....	392	338	453	415
Pickrel, jacks or yellow jacks.....	377	99	318	108
Sturgeon and spoonbill cat.....	203	186	420	384
Suckers.....	39	31	16	15
Tullibee.....	299	127	182	170
Yellow perch (inc. filletts).....	266	115	722	523
Yellow pike (or wall-eye) (inc. filletts).....	227	304	273	328
Whitefish.....	1,477	1,634	1,372	1,349
Miscellaneous fresh-water fish.....	1,270	1,464	1,340	1,000
<u>Shellfish: frozen</u>				
Lobster tails (spiny lobster).....	550	1,089	724	617
Scallops.....	724	1,168	2,843	2,396
Shrimp.....	9,123	13,622	14,417	11,518
Squid.....	942	1,292	898	773
Miscellaneous shellfish.....	1,378	1,684	1,829	1,630
Frozen fish, total.....	82,061	90,491	127,635	104,481
Cured fish, total.....	16,455	19,187	13,416	15,196
Total, all fish.....	98,516	109,678	141,051	119,677

1/ Data furnished by the Department of the Interior - Fish and Wildlife Service, which publishes a report giving detailed information, species and geographical sections.

Table 15. — Cold storage holdings March 1, 1949 by geographic regions

Commodity	Unit	New	Middle	East	West	South	East	West	South	Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
FROZEN FRUITS													
- Thousands -													
Apples.....	Pounds	641	5,818	4,128	2,185	2,428	430	471	786	2,344	19,231		
Apricots.....	"	201	1,281	1,307	504	105	13	427	224	3,259	7,321		
Blackberries.....	"	112	1,505	1,021	665	241	411	336	51	2,619	6,961		
Blueberries.....	"	1,543	2,807	1,934	434	113	7	70	35	305	7,248		
Cherries.....	"	325	10,500	20,307	3,593	740	526	734	834	2,524	40,083		
Grapes.....	"	6	4,068	4,590	268	121	10	74	46	610	9,793		
Peaches.....	"	556	4,379	2,865	1,555	2,603	425	704	476	4,163	17,726		
Plums and prunes.....	"	93	875	1,347	275	17	278	68	92	1,009	4,054		
Raspberries.....	"	884	5,029	2,635	2,072	255	14	231	189	9,098	20,407		
Strawberries.....	"	5,098	18,691	11,893	6,197	4,666	3,769	2,867	787	13,802	67,770		
Young, Logan, Boysen, etc.....	"	90	569	2,248	507	32	12	120	177	6,520	10,275		
Fruit juices and purees.....	"	2,029	14,592	5,008	1,378	13,412	655	1,049	305	3,987	42,415		
All other fruits.....	"	17,263	12,504	8,462	1,858	1,161	544	1,157	203	5,419	48,577		
FROZEN VEGETABLES													
Asparagus.....	Pounds	245	2,585	848	306	384	69	134	82	1,293	5,946		
Beans, lima.....	"	1,305	11,817	5,932	2,197	3,566	736	993	373	15,967	42,886		
Beans, snap.....	"	806	7,386	2,118	921	1,450	182	441	171	3,449	16,924		
Broccoli.....	"	377	3,091	1,146	332	547	374	254	156	1,884	8,161		
Brussels sprouts.....	"	102	2,150	752	210	232	46	108	22	1,152	4,774		
Cauliflower.....	"	291	2,233	824	306	333	159	146	58	2,510	6,860		
Corn, sweet.....	"	653	7,379	2,744	1,326	928	186	349	472	4,350	18,387		
Peas, green.....	"	3,731	29,344	7,669	4,146	2,963	365	827	1,218	22,646	72,909		
Pumpkin and squash.....	"	362	2,312	635	423	180	-	36	27	717	4,692		
Spinach.....	"	118	2,926	1,187	415	520	177	375	122	1,659	7,499		
All other vegetables.....	"	3,763	14,396	9,802	1,757	1,765	1,058	498	563	6,913	40,515		
FRUITS & VEGETABLES													
Fresh apples.....	Bushels	281	1,280	704	141	683	35	54	15	5,838	9,031		
Fresh pears.....	"	1	11	9	-	1	-	1	-	369	392		
Other fresh fruits.....	Pounds	25	1,408	1,110	360	591	649	393	-	4,146	8,682		
Dried & evaporated fruits.....	"	645	20,523	4,431	999	2,115	640	628	59	4,011	34,051		
Canned fruits & vegetables.....	"	30	855	1,277	255	14	-	-	17	21	2,469		
Potatoes.....	"	86	8,036	1,981	22,305	1,270	468	1,765	7,281	33,489	76,681		
Onions.....	"	18	55,440	6,014	973	556	125	605	360	12,089	76,180		
Celery.....	"	-	265	42	20	150	1	27	-	-	505		
Other fresh vegetables.....	"	201	26,936	15,883	953	246	61	736	16	1,566	46,598		
Peanut meats.....	"	81	728	6,625	212	969	82	315	71	506	9,589		
Other nutmeats.....	"	707	7,919	3,648	1,350	337	852	1,526	31	2,083	18,453		
Peanuts in shell.....	"	-	-	71	-	50	21	247	4	574	967		
Other nuts in shell.....	"	2	1,458	4,965	6,797	13,173	572	18,439	68	414	45,888		

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## Cold storage holdings March 1, 1949 by geographic regions (con'd.)

Commodity	Unit	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
- Thousands -											
DAIRY PRODUCTS AND EGGS											
Cream (not including plastic).....	Pounds	1,076	5,873	2,445	2,101	345	318	486	5	770	13,419
Cream, plastic.....	"	239	151	41	390	307	74	292	89	124	1,707
Butter, creamery.....	"	261	2,025	2,379	1,688	762	566	616	101	764	9,162
Cheese, American cheddar.....	"	1,718	14,051	74,096	8,894	2,336	4,832	2,123	1,441	1,940	111,431
Cheese, Swiss incl. block.....	"	6	394	1,574	56	23	-	29	66	79	2,227
Cheese, all other varieties.....	"	634	4,950	4,151	885	688	318	267	170	1,163	13,226
Eggs, shell.....	Cases	2	49	42	9	15	3	7	3	18	149
Eggs, frozen (Total).....	Pounds	1,591	13,896	19,044	12,613	3,482	1,459	3,153	591	2,952	58,781
Eggs, dried (Total).....	"	-	264	1,402	20,586	47	30	3,841	7	128	26,305
FROZEN POULTRY											
Broilers.....	Pounds	214	986	1,534	1,961	352	30	155	91	363	5,686
Fryers.....	"	296	1,315	1,799	2,540	1,497	149	371	506	1,211	9,684
Roasters.....	"	583	2,206	1,659	2,488	133	7	56	30	1,453	8,615
Fowls.....	"	639	6,740	9,802	11,157	444	172	942	236	2,439	32,571
Turkeys.....	"	2,961	11,654	8,515	6,645	1,250	188	1,173	2,152	16,012	50,550
Ducks.....	"	43	427	372	20	83	11	17	1	317	1,291
Miscellaneous.....	"	175	937	1,535	888	10	312	137	21	276	4,291
Unclassified.....	"	26	1,553	11,313	1,129	563	292	251	1,741	1,851	18,726
MEATS & LARD											
Beef, frozen.....	Pounds	4,665	16,885	38,136	33,068	4,849	3,761	10,781	2,066	13,242	127,455
Veal, frozen.....	"	382	1,786	3,050	2,874	2,394	722	5,805	65	842	17,920
Pork, frozen.....	"	12,797	16,336	107,364	181,102	16,028	5,399	12,022	2,796	8,802	362,646
Lamb & Mutton, frozen.....	"	873	3,273	7,166	4,738	269	147	2,326	283	702	19,777
Beef, in cure, cured & smoked.....	"	2	1,525	6,763	3,956	259	19	382	24	568	13,498
Dry salt pork, in cure & cured.....	"	660	1,267	17,376	27,962	4,353	418	2,718	1,067	1,207	57,023
All other pork, in cure	"										
cured and smoked.....	"	4,749	11,369	59,252	87,204	6,609	2,073	7,537	2,822	10,084	192,399
All edible offal.....	"	1,665	5,017	21,877	25,344	2,359	993	1,903	2,355	2,514	64,027
Lard.....	"	1,671	7,205	107,774	49,986	2,942	2,281	3,000	1,250	2,978	179,087
Rendered pork fat.....	"	72	232	1,122	1,410	102	13	127	4	122	3,204
Sausage room products.....	"	335	2,249	4,646	2,131	692	262	199	319	1,589	12,422
Canned meats and meat products.....	"	304	2,452	12,974	19,978	1,047	138	377	334	1,771	39,375
Hides and pelts.....	"	-	2,743	15,774	30,650	1,589	285	2,742	1,434	1,959	57,176
Fish.....	"	23,697	22,399	18,666	7,226	5,175	7,000	2,396	583	17,339*	104,481

\* Includes fish in Alaska.

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